

III. Claims 16 and 17, drawn to a method of monitoring HCV treatment by measurement of 2', 5'-oligoadenylate synthetase, classified in class 435, subclass 4+.

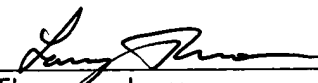
In response, the applicants elect Invention I without traverse. Non-elected claims 12, 16 and 17 have been canceled.

Accordingly, the applicants have elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-11 and 13-15.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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